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SUBJECT:

THE DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF YOUR MAILGRAMS TO THE SECRETARY WHICH WERE RECEIVED DECEMBER 1 AND DECEMBER 8.

ON DECEMBER 2, THE EMBASSY REPORTED THAT IT WAS INFORMED BY THE CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF HONDURAS THAT THE INVESTIGATION OF THE BOATING ACCIDENT HAD BEEN COMPLETED BY JUDGE IN PUERTO LEMPIRA. CASE FORWARDED TO COURT IN LA CEIBA WHICH REQUIRES THREE DAYS OF STUDY UNDER HONDURAN LAW BEFORE FINAL DECISION REACHED. CHIEF PROSECUTOR PROMISED TO CONTACT LA CEIBA DECEMBER 5 AND INFORM EMBASSY OF RESULTS. HE APPEARED CONFIDENT BOAT WOULD BE RELEASED AS JUDGE IN PUERTO LEMPIRA RECOMMENDED RELEASE. THIS INFO WAS RELAYED TO YOUR SON, JOHN, OFFICES OF SENATOR CRANSTON AND REPRESENTATIVE DORNAN ON DECEMBER 2.

ON DECEMBER 7 THE EMBASSY REPORTED THAT IT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT CHIEF PROSECUTOR TO DETERMINE STATUS OF BOAT.

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THE EMBASSY CONTACTED THE COURT IN LA CEIBA DIRECTLY AND LEARNED THAT THE CASE HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED FROM JUDGE IN PUERTO LEMPIRA. EMBASSY ADVISED THAT JUDGE HANDLING CASE IN PUERTO ELMPIRA NOW ON VACATION UNTIL JANUARY. A

TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT FOR JUDGE DEPARTING FOR LEMPIRA ON DECEMBER 8 WITH STRICT ORDERS FROM CHIEF OF NAVY, LT COL.

O'CONNOR TO COMPLETE CASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EMBASSY
ALSO CONTACTED LT COL. O'CONNOR TO REQUEST THAT CASE BE
RESOLVED EXPEDITIOUSLY. EMBASSY UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHY
CHIEF PROSECUTOR PROVIDED INCORRECT INFO DECEMBER 2. WE
HAVE INFORMED SENATOR CRANSTON OF ABOVE INFO.

THE EMBASSY PRESENTLY AWAITING HONDURAN DEATH CERTIFICATE
FROM PUERTO LEMPIRA WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR PREPARATION OF
FS-192 (FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH) FOR YOUR HUSBAND.

PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT THE EMBASSY IS DOING EVERYTHING
POSSIBLE TO ASSIST IN SECURING THE RELEASE OF YOUR BOAT.
WE WILL INFORM YOU PROMPTLY OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.
THE EMBASSY HAS ALSO WRITTEN A LETTER WHICH YOU SHOULD
BE RECEIVING WITHIN A FEW DAYS. CHRISTOPHER

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